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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 VERIDIAN CREDIT UNION,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 EDDIE BAUER, LLC,

14 Defendant.

CASE NO. C17-0356JLR

ORDER

15 On September 27, 2018, the parties submitted statements to the court that
16 addressed many outstanding discovery disputes (*see* Def. Statement (Dkt. # 132); Pl.
17 Statement (Dkt. # 133)), as well as over 90 pages of exhibits (*see* Dkt. ## 132-1–132-6).
18 The parties’ statements reveal disputes over at least 25 requests for production. (*See* Def.
19 Statement at 2-3; Pl. Statement at 2-3.) The court has ordered the parties to fully brief
20 this issue. (*See* Order (Dkt. # 134) at 1.) The parties have already filed numerous briefs
21 regarding discovery issues in this case. (*See, e.g.*, 1/19/18 MTC (Dkt. # 74); 4/26/18
22 MTC (Dkt. # 85); 7/25/18 Pl. Statement (Dkt. # 107); 7/25/18 Def. Statement (Dkt.

1 # 108); 8/2/18 Def. Statement (Dkt. # 112); 8/2/18 Pl. Statement (Dkt. # 113); 8/2/18
2 MTC (Dkt. # 115).) The most recent discovery dispute has caused the court to stay class
3 certification deadlines. (*See* Order at 2.)

4 In light of these developments, the court intends to appoint Michelle Peterson,
5 WSBA No. 33598, as a special master to oversee selected discovery issues in this matter.
6 *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 53. The special master, whether Ms. Peterson or otherwise, will bill
7 monthly using his or her standard rate. Invoices will be paid 50%-50% by Plaintiff
8 Veridian Credit Union and Defendant Eddie Bauer within 30 days. Special master
9 expenses may be submitted for consideration as a taxable cost at the conclusion of the
10 case. The court ORDERS any party that opposes such appointment to file a brief not to
11 exceed three pages no later than October 8, 2018.

12 Dated this 15th day of October, 2018.

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14 JAMES L. ROBART
15 United States District Judge
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